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Applicant : Shoichiro Usui
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For : HIGH-PRESSURE METAL PIPE HAVING CONNECTING HEAD AND
METHOD FORMING THE CONNECTING HEAD AS WELL AS
SLEEVE WASHER FOR THE CONNECTING HEAD

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ELECTION

Sir:

This election is submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement of December 3, 2001. The applicant hereby elects claims 1 and 4. Early and favorable action on the elected claims is requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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